

The FCC should not implement any proposal that would lessen Indiana's Telephone Privacy law protections. Please also consider making any rules at the FCC level more strict.

Indiana's Telephone Privacy law has improved my time at home. The number of unwanted solicitations has dropped and I find that I no longer need to rely as much on using an answering machine to screen incoming calls, which can sometimes be a problem getting calls I want in a timely manner. I used to receive 5 to 10 calls per DAY, from telemarketers and now I only receive a couple per week.

The "existing customer" notion that because I've done business in the past with a firm is just cause for them to call me is flawed beyond belief. If I have done business with a firm and wish to continue to do so, doesn't it make sense that I know who they are and how to contact them? What if I never want to do business with them again in the future? Doesn't it also make sense that if they ask me if it's OK to call me that my answer, Yes or NO, should mean something? And, I want the default to be NO, not Yes. Silence is not consent.

All phone calls are invasions of privacy. A ringing phone is an Urgent, but mostly UNimportant event -- absolutely UNimportant if it's a telemarketer. I and my family have had nothing but bad experiences with telemarketers and their products.

A ringing phone demands your attention and does not respect you, your current activities or your privacy.

Please do not take away our rights to demand respect. I want a No-Call policy and law that enables me to curtail or severely cut back the number of UNimportant (and I choose what is or is not important, not the telemarketers or the FCC), but urgent invasions of my privacy by groups or organizations that I do not wish to receive calls from.

In my opinion, the Indiana Law does not go far enough, but it's an improvement over the FCC proposals.